

REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 6, 2008 has been carefully considered. Applicants believe that the present Amendment, taken with the accompanying Remarks, is sufficient to establish the compliance of the Amendment with requirements under 37 CFR 1.121.

Applicants have amended herein the status identifier of Claim 9 to recite "Withdrawn." In the previous Amendment filed by Applicants November 29, 2007, Applicants advanced arguments in support of the examination of Claim 9 together with Claims 1-2. In light of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicants agree to withdraw Claim 9 from examination. The Examiner may therefore disregard those substantive Remarks filed in the Amendment dated November 29, 2007 drawn to the Election/Restriction Requirement as it relates to Claim 9, found on pages 4-5 of that paper.

Further, as previously described in the Amendment filed November 29, 2007, Claim 1 has been amended to recite the long form of the term "OprF" and to delete the words "a" and "substantially." As it is believed that the present Amendment does not raise any issues of new matter, entry is believed in order and is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 remain pending and Claims 1-2 are currently subject to examination.

Conclusion

It is believed that the above is a complete and comprehensive response to the March 6, 2008 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the present Amendment, together with the substantive Remarks filed in the November 29, 2007 Amendment. It is believed that these submissions taken together place the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and an early allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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